Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether the mahouts are appointed by the Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: They are only in the temporary establishment and they are not within the purview of the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Is the principle of communal rotation followed in the matter of their appointments?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: It is not possible to follow that principle.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there any demand that communal representation should be extended even in the matter of appointment of mahouts?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: Such a demand has not been made.

APPOINTMENTS OF Rs. 60 AND ABOVE UP TO Rs. 100—PARTICULARS OF

24 **Mr. K. T. Achyutan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many new appointments from outside (officiating and permanent) were made in the State Service the initial salary of which is Rs. 60 and above up to Rs. 100 and the respective communities to which they belong;

(*b*) the same as above the initial salary of which is Rs. 100 and above and the respective communities to which they belong?

N.B.—The above questions does not take in the promotions given from the service.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Without stating the period during which the appointments were made, it is not possible to furnish the required information.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, with reference to answer to sub-division (*b*) whether the same principle has been adopted in the appointment of officers over Rs. 100, as is followed by the Staff Selection Board and accepted by Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: As far as possible, the claims of unrepresented communities have been considered.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know the number of appointments in 1118?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

COMPOSITE TAX SYSTEM—DELAY IN INTRODUCTION OF

25. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder** *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state the reason for the delay in introducing the composite tax system?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Some points connected with the composite license fee for motor vehicles are under correspondence with the Madras Government. The system can be introduced only after an agreement is reached with that Government in regard to these points, as it has to be brought into force in the State and in British Cochin simultaneously.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: How long has this subject been under the consideration of Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: For very nearly 2 years.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: What was the possible delay in coming to an understanding?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There are certain minor details to be decided upon and even now we are in correspondence.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Is the delay on our side?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is due to the laxity of both the Governments.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: The District Municipalities Act of British India will have to be amended to enable the Madras Government to adopt this.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Has the Madras Government amended the Municipalities Act.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Madras Government are taking steps to amend it.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to request them to expedite the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Even yesterday a report has gone to them.

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